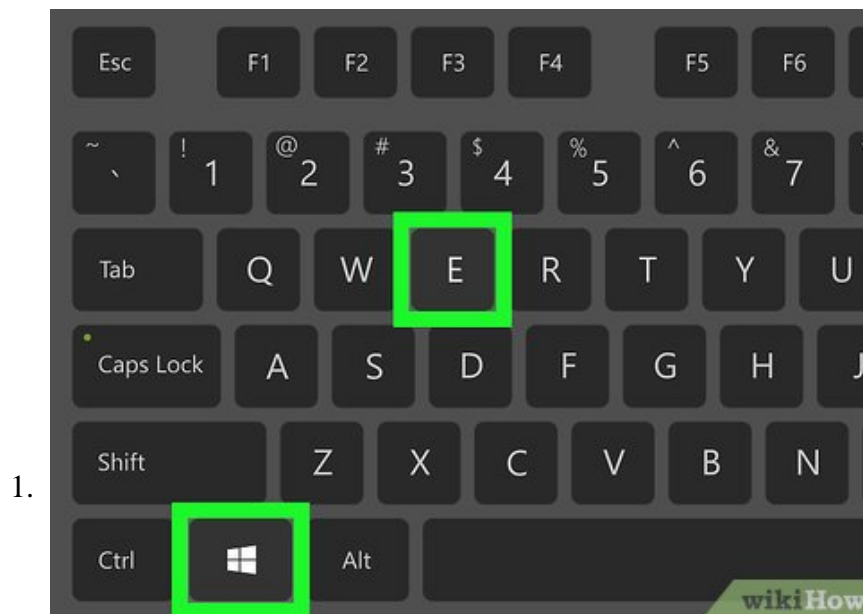


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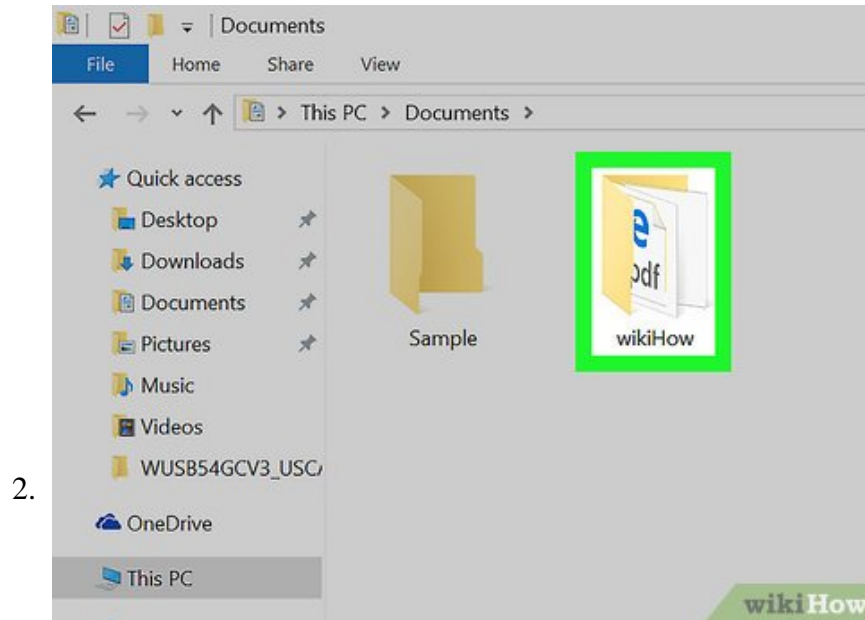
This wikiHow teaches you how to hide files in a secret locked folder in Windows 10. Press **Win + E**. This opens the File Explorer.

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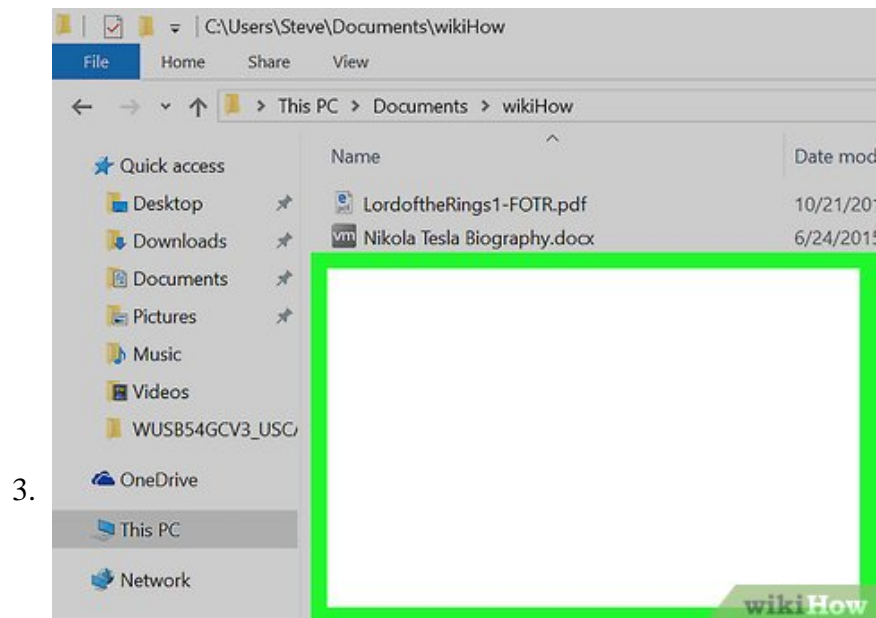
Creating a Lock File



Press **Win + E**. This opens the File Explorer.

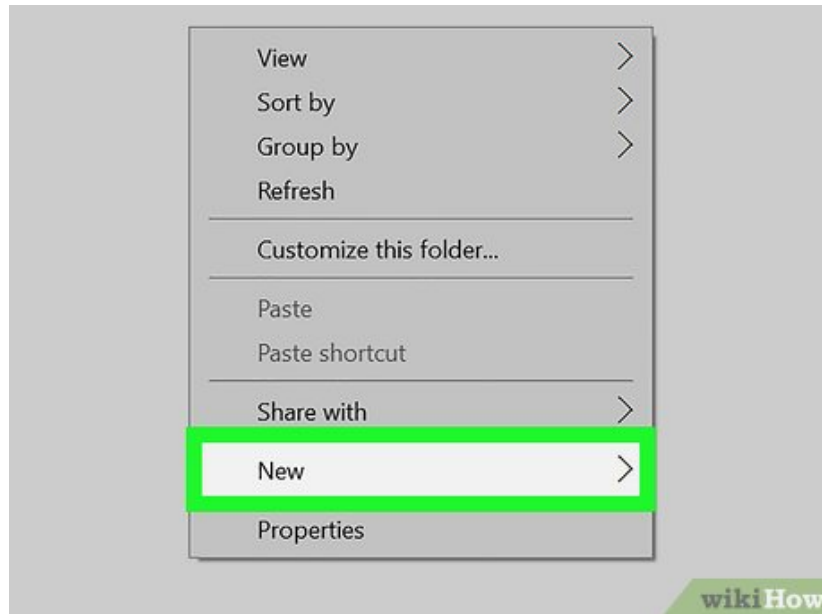


Double-click the folder you want to lock. This opens the contents of the folder.



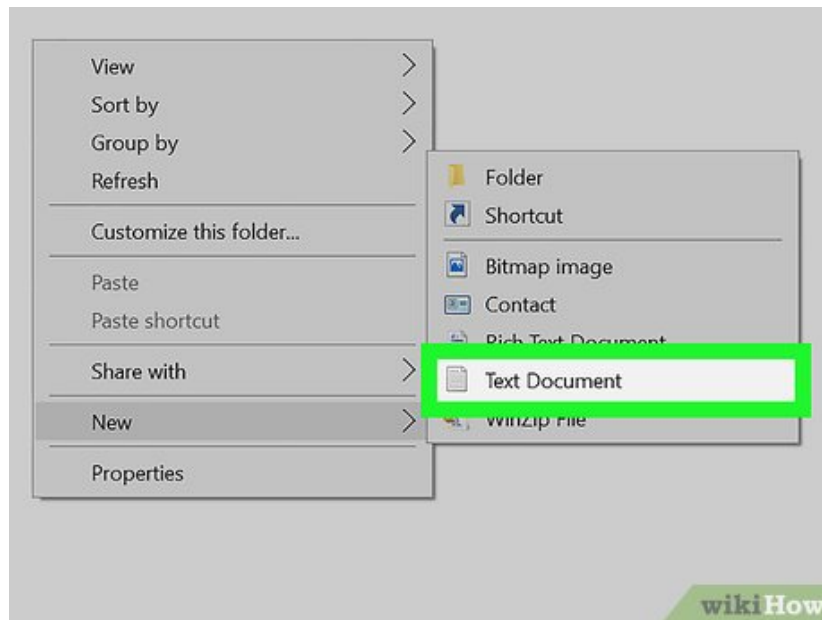
Right-click an empty part of the folder. A menu will appear.

4.

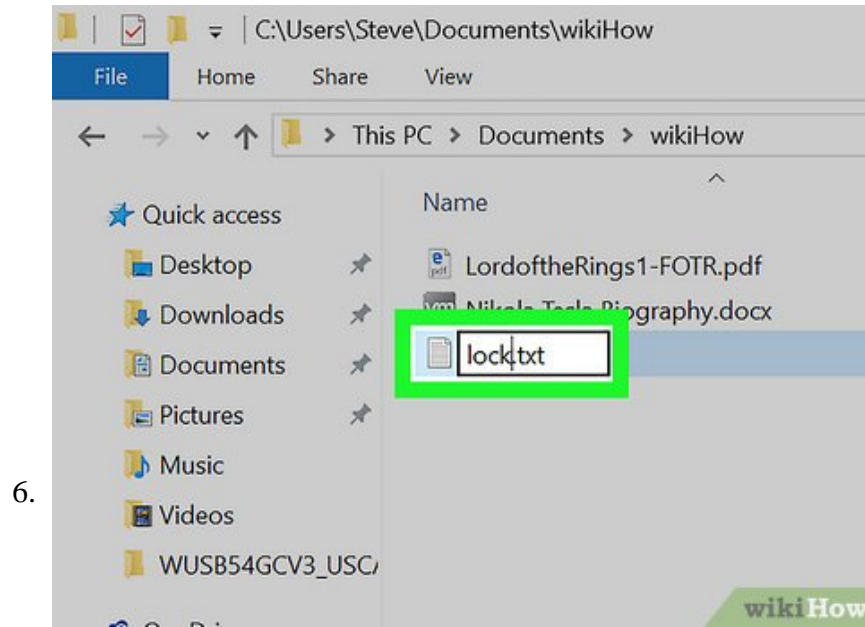


Click **New**. A list of file types will appear.

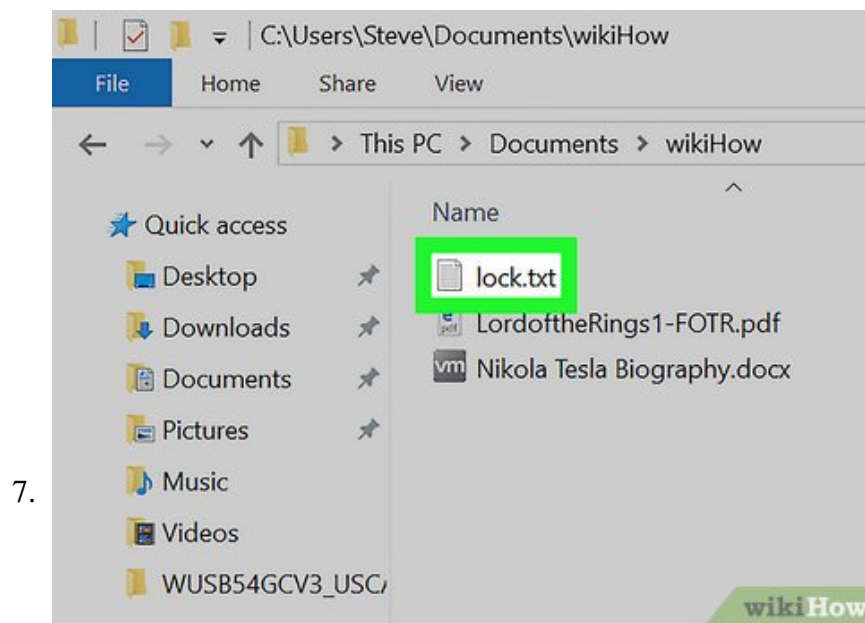
5.



Click **Text Document**.



Type `lock` and press `Enter`. You now have a text file called 'lock' in the current folder.

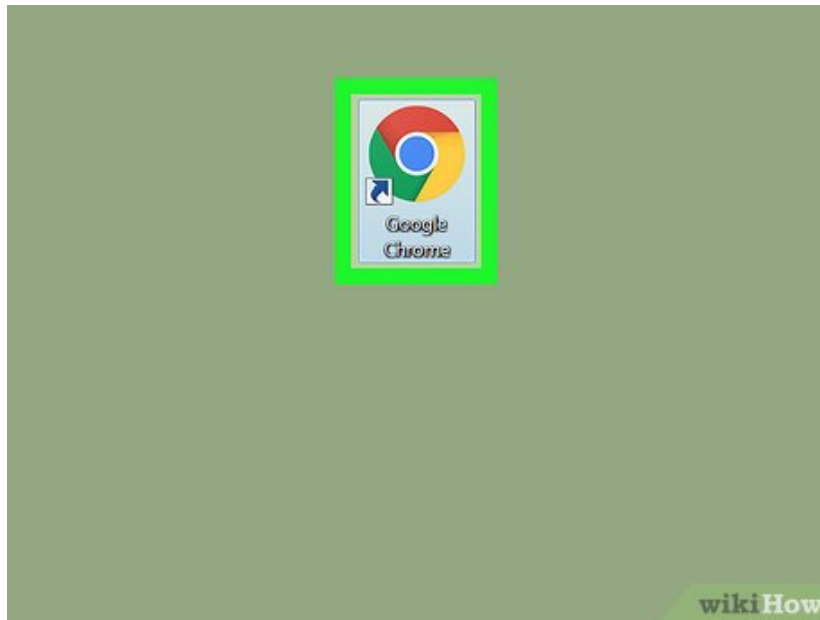


Double-click the 'lock' file. This opens the blank file in your default text editor (e.g. Notepad). You'll need to paste some code into this file.

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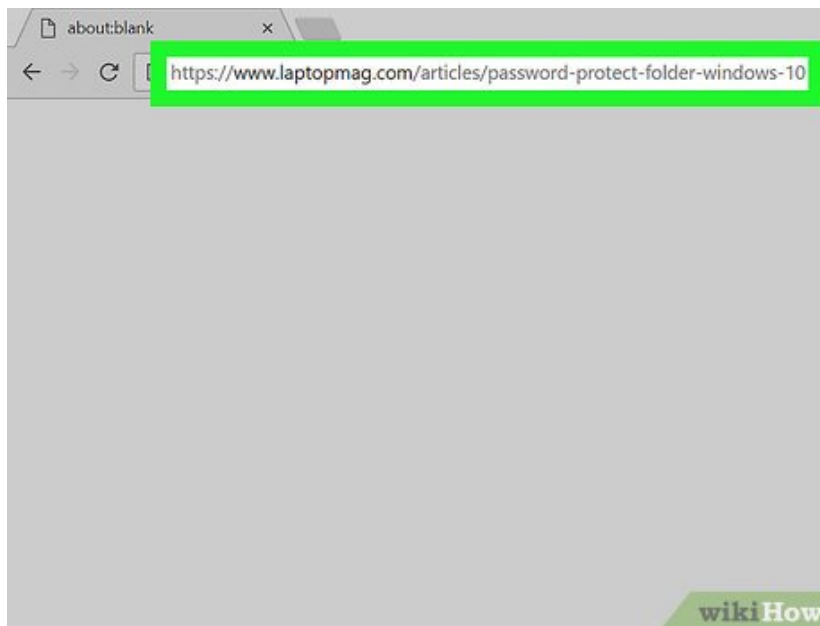
Adding the Lock Code

1.



Open a web browser. You can use any web browser on your computer, such as Edge, Chrome, or Firefox.

2.



Navigate to <https://www.laptopmag.com/articles/password-protect-folder-windows-10>. This is the site from which you can copy the code.^[1]

```
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```
“ cls
  @ECHO OFF
  title Folder Locker
  if EXIST "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-
    1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}" goto
    UNLOCK
  if NOT EXIST Locker goto MDLOCKER
  :CONFIRM
  echo Are you sure u want to Lock the
    folder(Y/N)
  set/n "cho=>"
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3.

Scroll down to the code that begins with 'cls @ECHO OFF.' The code begins right after the 6th step in the article.

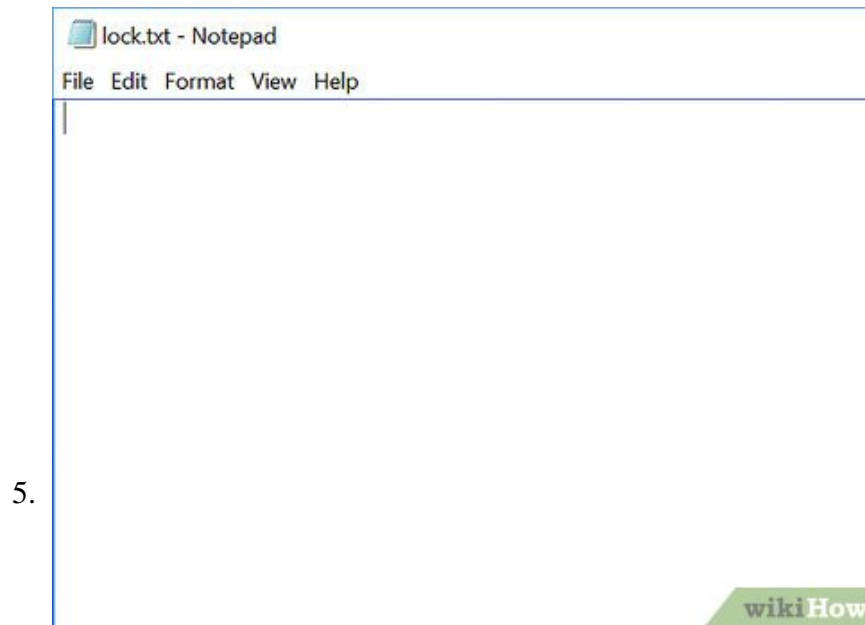
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```
3AFA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}"
ren "Control Panel.{21FC2020-3AFA-
1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}" Locker
echo Folder Unlocked successfully
goto Fnd
:FAIL
echo Invalid nassword
goto end
:MDLOCKER
md Locker
echo Locker created successfully
goto Fnd
:End
```

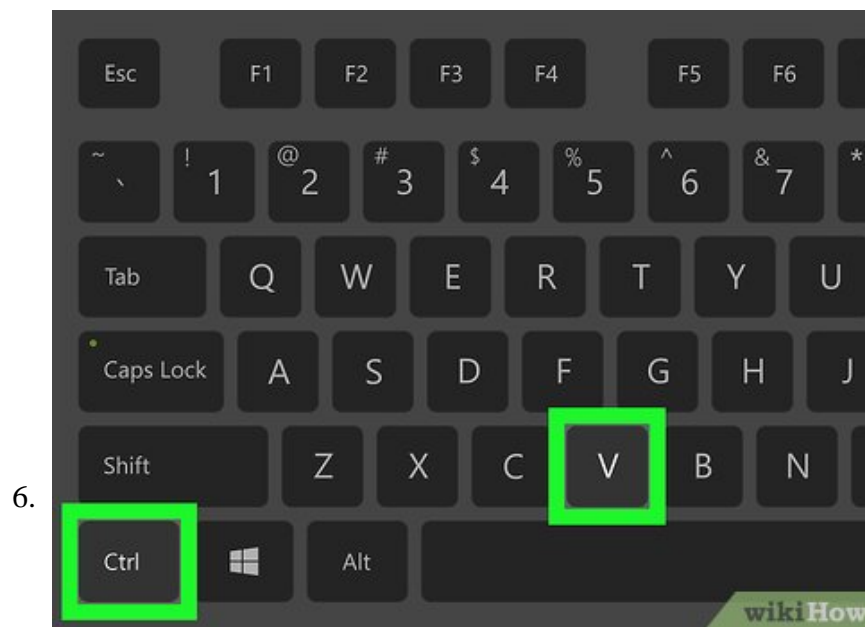
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4.

Copy all of the code. To do this, click the mouse before 'cls' and then drag it all the way to the end of the code, then press **Ctrl + C**.



Return to the 'lock' file that's open in your text editor. The file should be blank.



Click the mouse cursor in the file and press CtrI + V. The copied code will appear in the file.

7.

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lock.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
ren Locker "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-
attrib +h +s "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-106
echo Folder locked
goto End
:UNLOCK
echo Enter password to Unlock folder
set/p "pass=>"
if NOT %pass%= Your-Password-Here goto FAIL
attrib -h -s "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-106
ren "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08
echo Folder Unlocked successfully
goto End
:FAIL
```

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Locate and highlight `Your-Password-Here` . If you're having a hard time finding it, press `Ctrl + F` to open the Search tool, type `your-password-here` into the box, then press `Enter`. The text should automatically highlight.

8.

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lock.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
ren Locker "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2
attrib +h +s "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-
echo Folder locked
goto End
:UNLOCK
echo Enter password to Unlock folder
set/p "pass=>"
if NOT %pass%= 12345678 goto FAIL
attrib -h -s "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-
ren "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-0800
echo Folder Unlocked successfully
goto End
:FAIL
echo Invalid password
```

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Type a lock password. Since `Your-Password-Here` is highlighted, it will disappear once you start typing your lock password. The password you type is the one you'll need to enter to access the folder.

lock.txt - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

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ren Locker "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}
attrib +h +s "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}
echo Folder locked
goto End
:UNLOCK
echo Enter password to Unlock folder
set/p "pass=>"
if NOT %pass%==12345678| goto FAIL
attrib -h -s "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}
ren "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}
echo Folder Unlocked successfully
```

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9.

Click the **File** menu. It's at the top of the window.

lock.txt - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

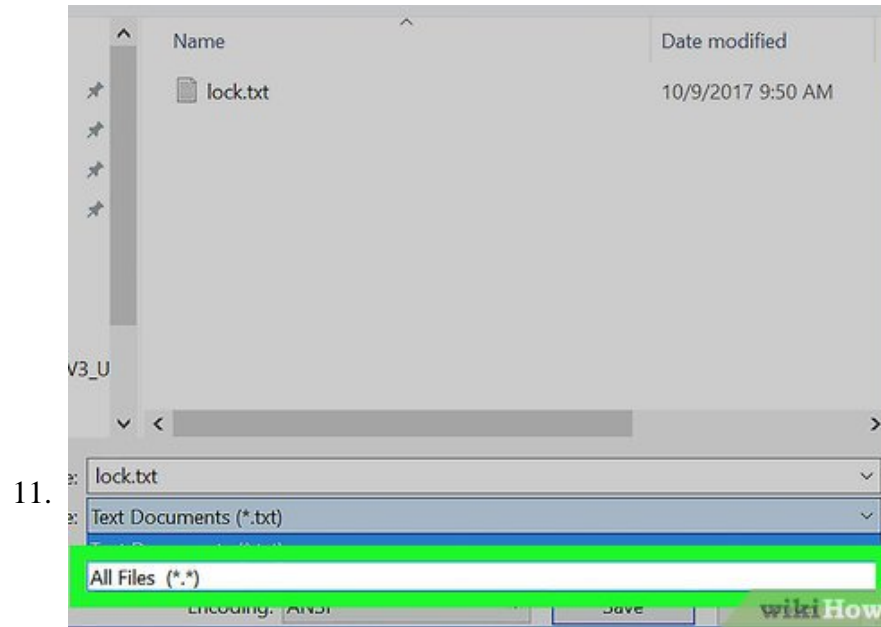
- New Ctrl+N
- Open... Ctrl+O
- Save Ctrl+S
- Save As...**
- Page Setup...
- Print... Ctrl+P
- Exit

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Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}
Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}
o Unlock folder
78| goto FAIL
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ren "Control Panel.{21EC2020-3AEA-1069-A2DD-08002B30309D}
echo Folder Unlocked successfully
goto End
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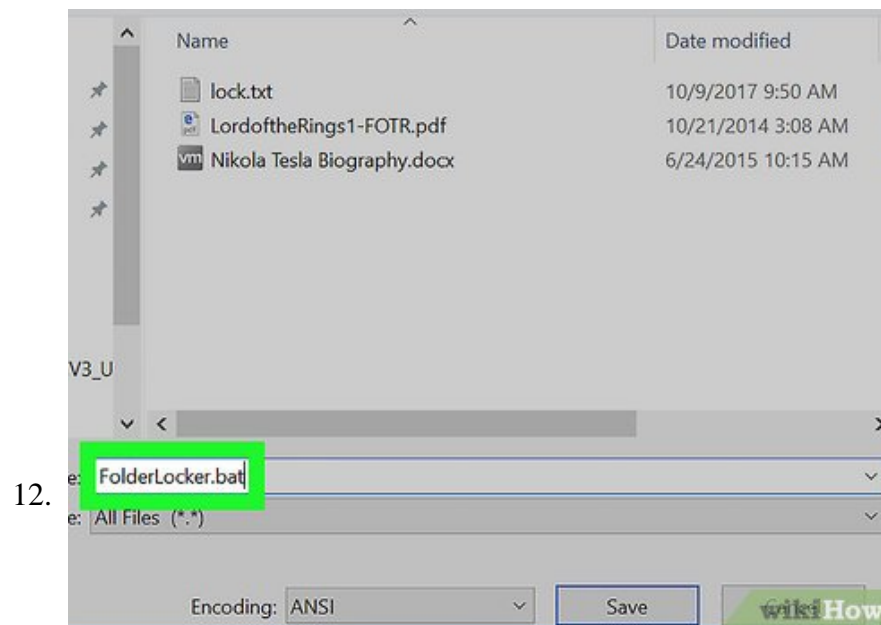
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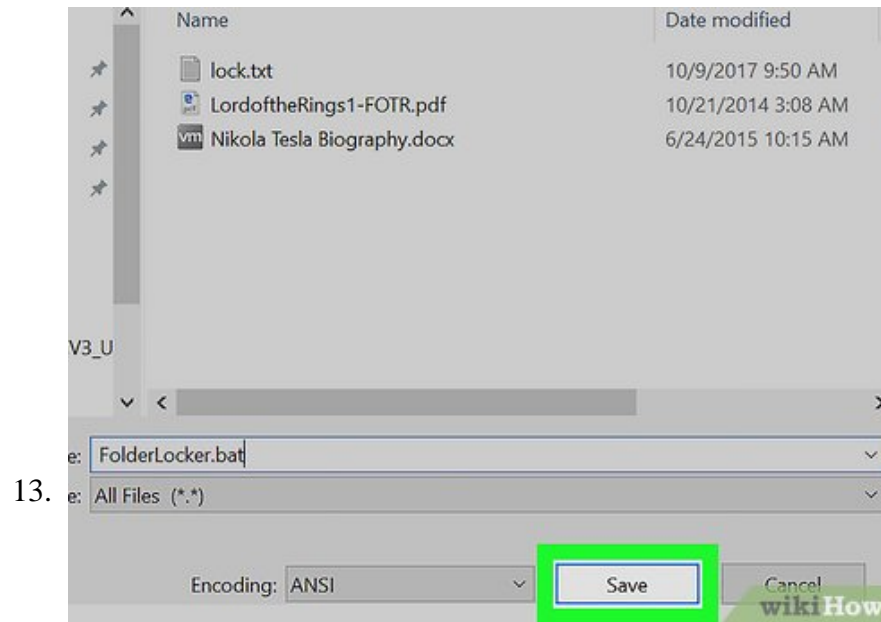
Click **Save As...**.



Select **All Files** from the 'Save As type' drop-down menu. It's the first drop-down menu at the bottom of the window.



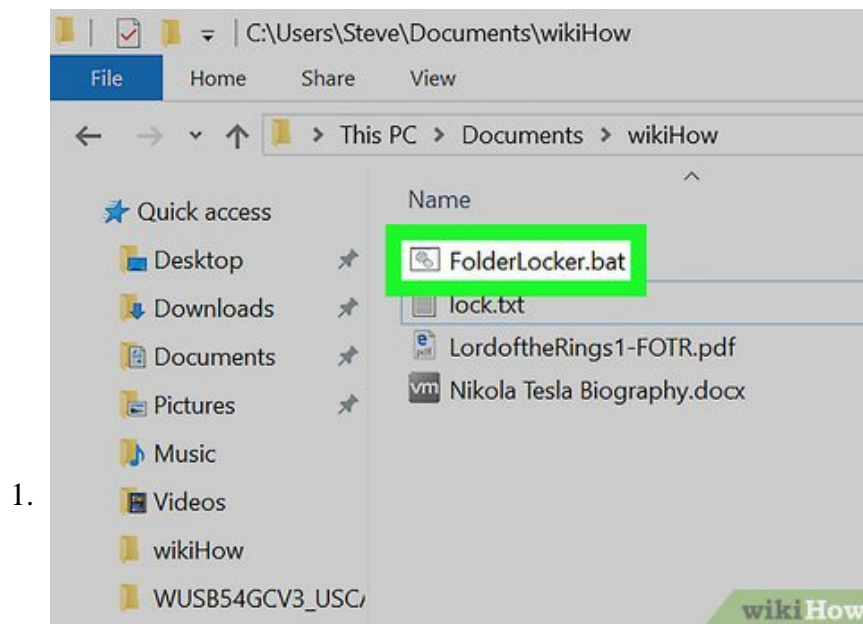
Change the file name to **FolderLocker.bat** . To do this, erase what's already in the 'File name' field and type `FolderLocker.bat` .



Click **Save**. Now you're ready to password-protect your files.

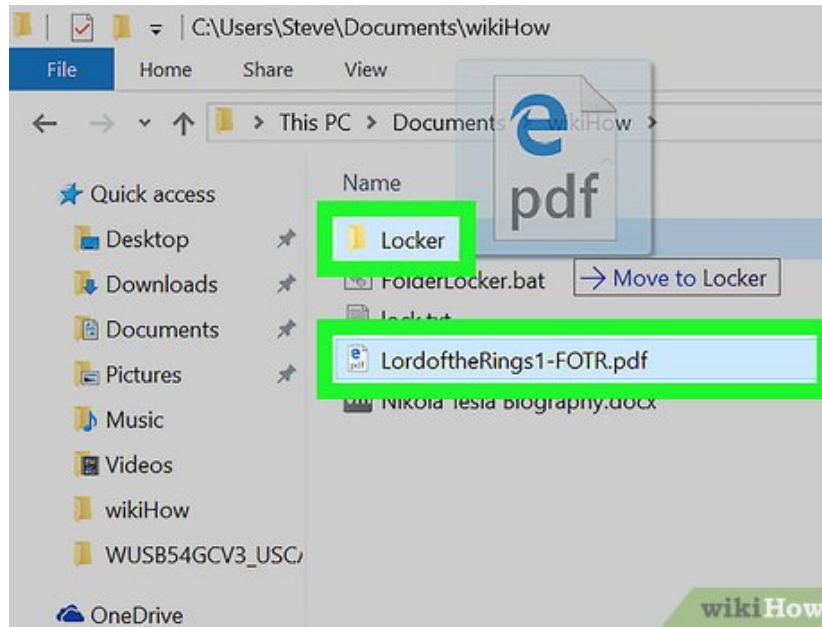
Part 3 of 4:

Locking the Folder



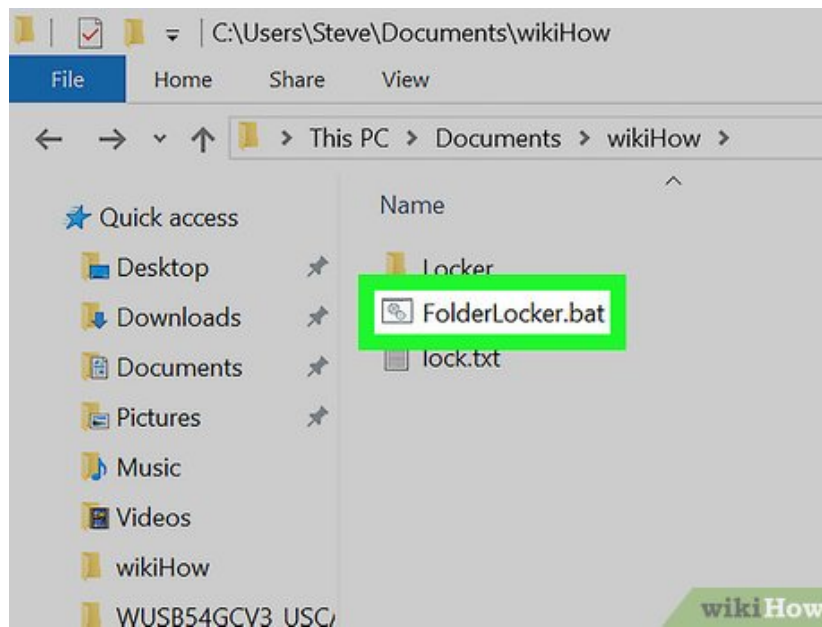
Double-click FolderLocker in the File Explorer window. This creates a new folder called **Locker** in the current folder.^[2]

2.

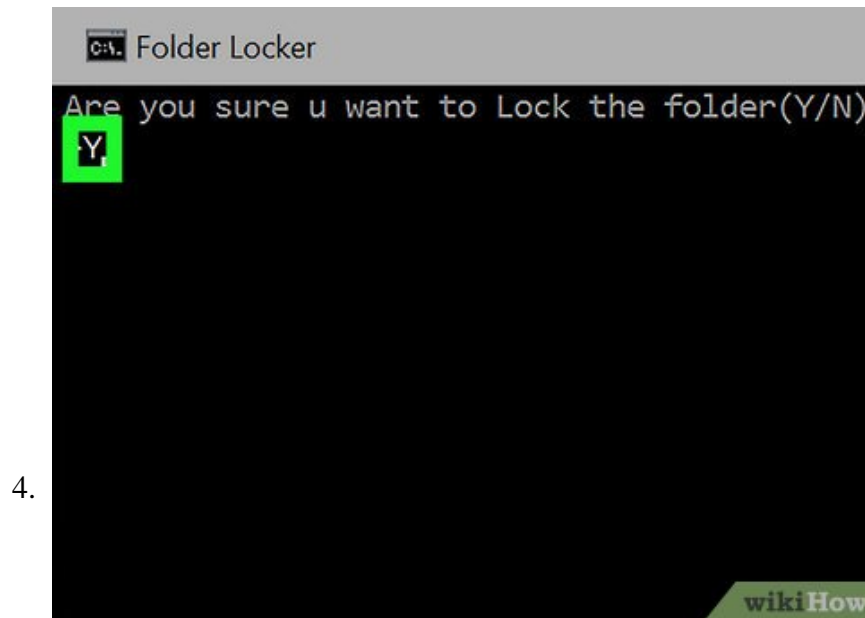


Drag the files you want to lock to the Locker folder. Dragging files to this locker will also remove them from their current folder.

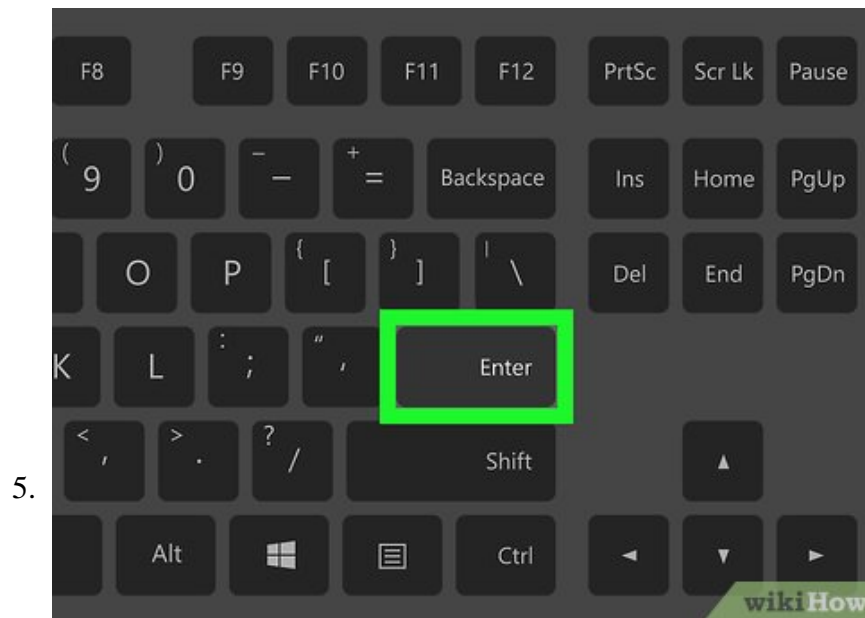
3.



Double-click **FolderLocker**. This opens a black window that asks, 'Are you sure u want to lock the folder (Y/N).'



Press Y.

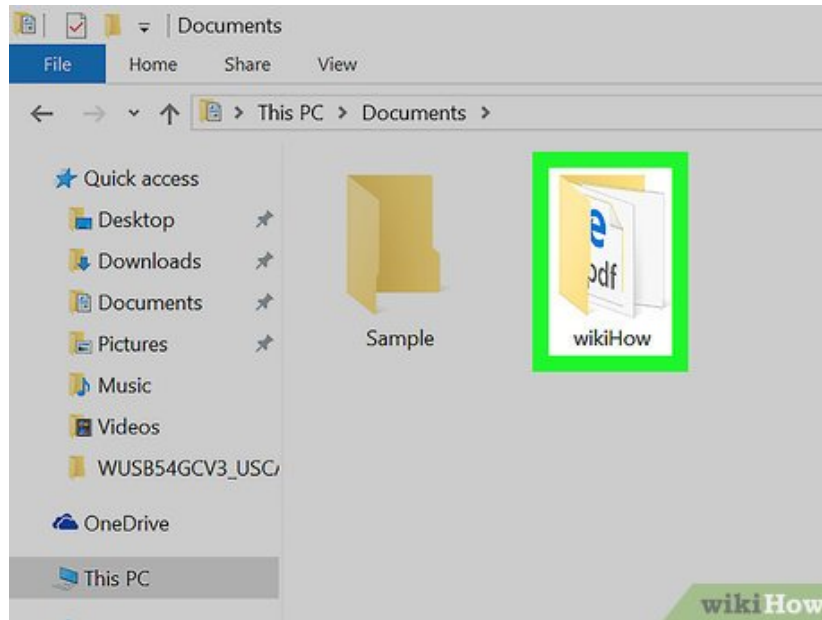


Press Enter. The window will disappear, as will the folder called Locker. Don't worry, it's still there—you'll just have to run the **FolderLocker** script to make it visible.

Part 4 of 4:

Accessing Files in the Locked Folder

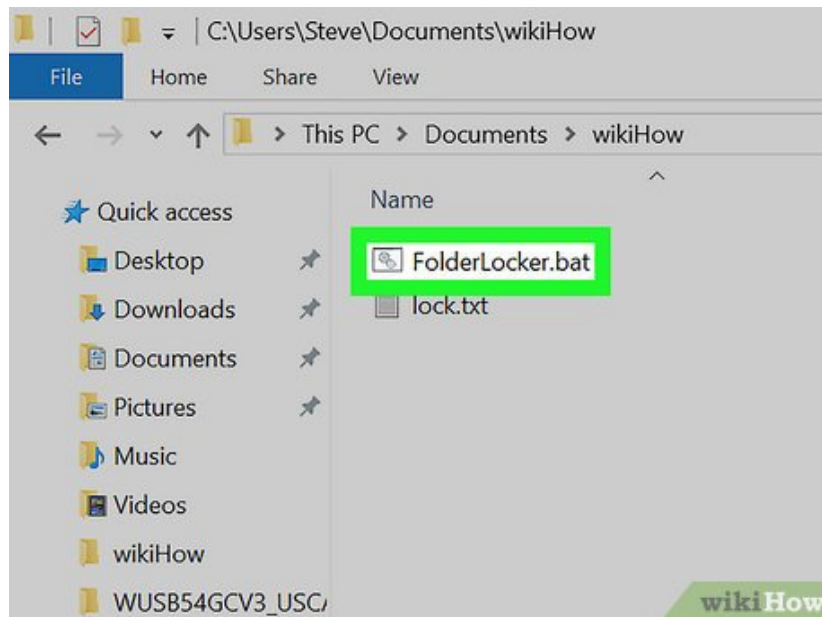
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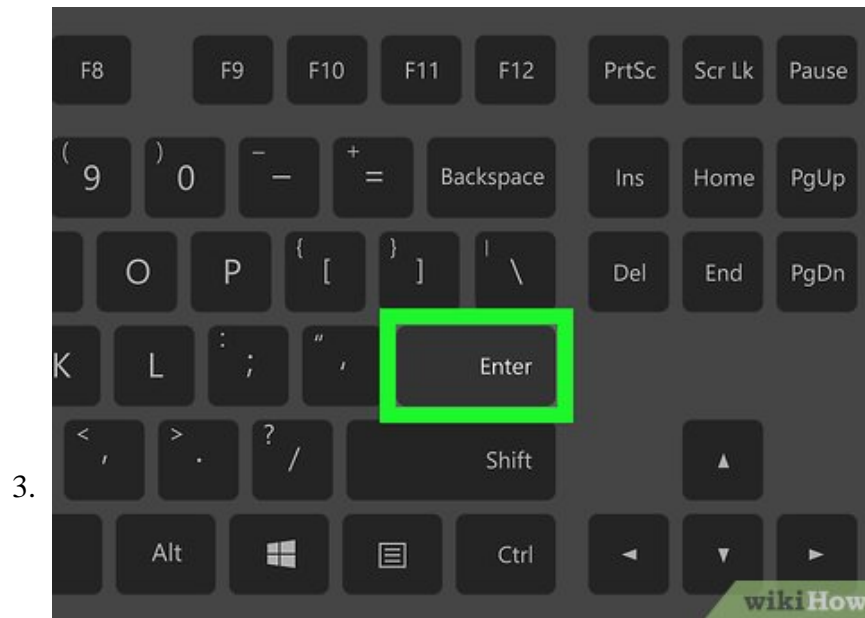
Double-click the folder where you created the Locker. You can do this from the File Explorer at any time.

1. This is the folder that contains the file called **FolderLocker**.

2.



Double-click `FolderLocker`. A black window will appear, asking you to enter the password.



Type the Locker password and press ? Enter. This brings back the Locker folder, which is now accessible.

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